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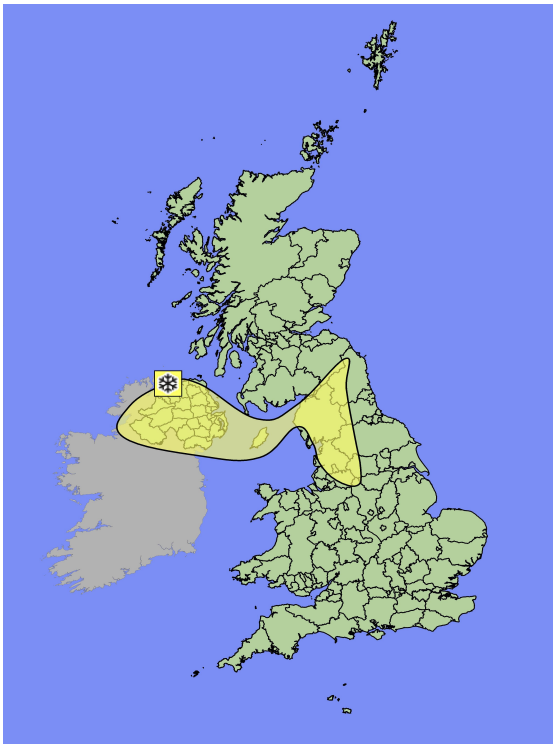

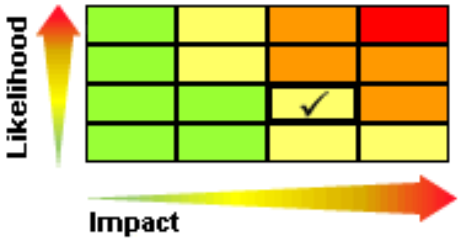

Chief Forecasters Assessment
A deep depression will track past northern Scotland on Monday, bringing strong westerly winds, with gales in places, accompanied by increasingly wintry showers. The air is unusually cold for a westerly outbreak, being sourced from Canada a day or so earlier. Even so, the long track across the Atlantic seems likely to warm the lowest layers such that disruptive snow will be mostly found away from some northern and western coasts. Further inland snowfall is increasingly likely towards the end of the day, but there remain uncertainties attached to the amounts and distribution.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Alert** of **Snow**

Valid from **16:00 on Mon, 04th Feb 2013** until **23:59 on Mon, 04th Feb 2013**

Heavy, squally showers will spread to many parts of Northern Ireland and the western half of northern England during Monday, turning wintry on high ground through the middle of the day and then increasingly to lower levels during Monday evening. Showers will probably remain largely as sleet and hail along some northern and western coasts, but are likely to turn to snow inland, more certainly on ground above 100 or 200 metres elevation. 10 cm or more of snow may affect higher level routes later in the day, with drifting and temporary blizzard conditions. At lower levels, amounts of snowfall will be generally smaller and quite variable but some areas could see in excess of 5 cm of snowfall, with some drifting. Winds will gust to around 50 mph near the heavier showers but higher over hills.

The public should be aware of the potential for some disruption, especially to travel.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

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